

[Subscribe](#)[Past Issues](#)[Trans](#)[What's new at Shanna Schmidt Numismatics Inc.](#)[View this email in your browser](#)**Newsletter #104:****What's New at Shanna Schmidt Numismatics Inc.**

Just yesterday I was able to attend my local coin club's meeting. The Chicago Coin Club is celebrating their 100th anniversary! I've been to a few meetings but I've mostly had to miss them because of traveling for my business or conflicts with my children. I'm sorry I can't go more often. What I recognized is that these clubs are all about enjoying our common interests. There was a varied array of show and tell at the end of the club (a whopping 16 short presentations of individual collector material). Everything from numismatic books showcasing coins from Myanmar to the small trinkets banks used to give away to customers (in this case it was a small metal tubing that would hold dimes and could only be opened by the bank with a special key. A way to get customers to learn about saving money). I also saw the most beautiful \$10 notes from Canada featuring a biracial woman named Viola Desmond who challenged the notion of racial segregation in the 1940's. There were no presentations yesterday pertaining to ancient coins but it really didn't matter. I thoroughly enjoyed myself and found a wonderful camaraderie with fellow collectors. My advice if you have a local coin club and hesitated to go is to attend a meeting. You won't regret it.

Solidus Winter Auction 38 Live (Feb 17)

Solidus is holding their 38th internet sale with 999 coins (couldn't they find one more to make it an even 1,000!). Coins offered range from ancients to world coinage. Browsing through the auction I found many desirable types at reasonable starting prices. I didn't notice a ton of pedigrees so if this is important to you than you might not want to take part. That isn't to say that you couldn't find a pedigree post-sale. They certainly do exist but you have to work hard to find them. Such is the case with a lot of these smaller auction houses. It simply is hard to get material that was previously in auction. Pedigrees are only recently becoming more important to the collecting world and rightly so! I'll participate in this auction if there is enough customer interest so please get in touch if you need my help.

CNG EAuction 438 (Feb 20)

This CNG bi-monthly e-sale features 775 ancient, world and British coins. The sale starts out with a beautiful group of 11 pieces from the Archer Huntington Collection. For those of you not familiar with Mr. Huntington. He lived from 1870-1955 and aside from being a wealthy railroad magnate was also a major benefactor and supporter of the arts and numismatics. He was particularly important to the American Numismatic Society (ANS) and was a lifelong supporter. This auction also include several coins from the BCD collection and countermarked coins from the Richard Baker collection. Check out the sale and please get in touch if you need my help.

Künker E-Live Auction 53 (Feb 20-21)

For those of you familiar with Künker you know that they do not have an internet component to their large auctions in Osnabrück and Berlin. This auction is a true internet auction. Here is the intro to this sale.

Dear Bidders and Coin Enthusiasts, Please find our next eLive Auction 53 ready to be viewed online. This time you will find over 1,100 lots, featuring pieces ranging from the ancient world to modern times. We would like to suggest you from the ancient world among others a small series of coins from the Seleucid, from Antiochus II to Philippos I, as well as a small collection of ptolemaic coins, from Ptolemy II to Cleopatra VII. Furthermore, you will find nice rarities from modern times for example a collection of coins and medals from Saxony as well as an interesting series of mis-strikes of German Coins after 1871. Furthermore, we would like to present you a small collection of Goetz-Medals and interesting mixed lots. The eLive Auction will take place at the following times: Part I - Wednesday, February 20, 2019 and Part II - Thursday, February 21, 2019 both at 6 pm. We hope you will enjoy our eLive Auction 53. Your Künker Team

HD Rauch Auction E-Live 29 (ancients portion Feb 21)

Rauch out of Vienna has their 29th internet auction on February 21. The ancients portion has 332 lots. I've always found interesting material at Rauch and typically reasonable hammers (unless it is Roman aurei in which case it can be exceedingly strong). It is worth your time to check out the auction. I participate often and if there is customer demand I'll do that with this one. Please get in touch if interested.

Leu Web Auction 7 (Feb 23 and 24)

Leu has a two day extravaganza of 1900 coins. Some of you may have become victims in the theft that occurred at their offices on Christmas when packaged up customer packages were stolen. If this has you feeling like you should sit out this one let's not do that. These guys have rallied and are presenting a very nice auction with some lovely pieces. They need our support more than ever now. I've started going through the sale and found some nice pieces that are worthy of any collection. Please note that there are some selections from the S. Pozzi collection. I don't want to be a buzz kill or threaten their auction but I do feel obliged to tell you that this is not THE Samuel Pozzi that we all know and love. I did write Yves to confirm this and while he wasn't trying to pull a fast one on anyone I feel compelled to point this out lest someone buys a coin under

false circumstances. Aside from this note I wish the Leu guys the BEST of luck on this auction. I will definitely be participating.

Upcoming Travel (March 20-31) and (April 30-May 8)

I will be traveling to Europe at the end of March and again at the end of April. The first trip is mainly for personal reasons but I'm heading through London and will view the Roma auction lots and hopefully the upcoming Morton & Eden auction. At the end of April I will return to Europe but fly directly to Zurich to view all the upcoming auctions and attend the NAC and Nomos sales. In the coming month when I get catalogs for these auctions I'll send them out to you if you request one. Please only request one if you are seriously considering the auction and would like to use my representation services. This is a time consuming and costly process to ship catalogs and while I love to be generous with all my customers I also have to respect my business.



Coin of the Week

<https://www.shannaschmidt.com/greek-coins/seleucid-kingdom-seleucus-i-nicator-312-281-bc-susa-after-301-bc?rq=gk1272>

SELEUCID KINGDOM. Seleucus I Nicator. 312-281 BC. Susa, After 301 BC
AR Tetradrachm, 16.94g (26mm, 6h). Head of Seleucus I right, wearing helmet covered with panther skin and adorned with bull's ears and horns, panther skin tied around neck / ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩΣ - ΣΕΛΕΥΚΟΥ Nike standing right, crowning trophy; M in lower left field and AX between Nike and trophy.

Pedigree: Ex Gemini V, 6 January 2009, lot 145; Ex Jacob Stein Collection, displayed by him at Cincinnati Art Museum, 1994-2008; acquired from Harlan J. Berk, October 1988

Price: \$14,000

Controversy surrounds how 'great' Alexander really was, but what is certain is that his empire was vast spreading all the way to the Hindu Kush. When Alexander died in 323 BC conquered territory was fiercely fought over by his generals and close advisors. The Seleucid empire was the largest of all the successor states that formed after his death. Just after Alexander's death, Seleucus was not given a portion of the empire, instead he was relegated to oversee the Companion Cavalry under Perdiccas, the regent of Macedon. Not satisfied with his outlook, Seleucus began the battle for his own piece of the empire. First in 321, he was one of the people who took part in the assassination of Perdiccas. With the regent gone there was a meeting to repartition the empire and Seleucus was assigned as satrap of Babylon. This brought him into contact with Antigonus Monophthalmus (Antigonus "the one-eyed") who some five years later started to question his stewardship. Seleucus fled to Ptolemy, the who made him commander of his fleet in Egypt. After the defeat of Demetrius, the son of Antigonus in 312 BC in Gaza, Seleucus received permission from Ptolemy to overtake the city of Babylon. This important date marks the beginning of the great Seleucid empire.

This coinage celebrates the conquest of the orient by Seleucus. It was minted in Susa, one of the first mints to strike coins under Seleucus. The obverse shows either Seleucus or Alexander in helmet with elephant tusks. Elephants were symbolic to the Seleucids due to the pact made with the Mauryan king Chandragupta. The ruler gave Seleucus a gift of 500 war elephants in exchange for cession of some his land that was taken as conquest. The reverse depicts Nike crowning a trophy. These coins are among the first to show the king of the empire under his own might and not that of Alexander.

References: SC 173.14. ESM 420. ESMS Tr. 95 (A59/P4)

Grade: Lovely strike with iridescent red toning on obverse. There is a planchet defect (hole) in the center where the cheek guard meets the helmet so it is not as noticeable. Slightly o/c. Insignificant planchet crack at 9h on reverse, otherwise a good strike. Attractive in hand. aEF

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If you are interested in this coin please click the link above or email me at shanna@shannaschmidt.com

Until next week!
Shanna

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